



**Senate**

**September 27, 2019**

**Call to Order 2:30PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Present: 24**

**Absent: 5**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Agenda Passes**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Minutes Approved**

**Guest Speaker**

**Administrative Addresses**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Appointments**

**Freshmen Committee:**

Madeline Markham

McKenna Hoffman

Emily Sands  
Mia Montenaro  
Ethan Richardson  
Alex Wiggins  
Gray Freer  
Faith Grover  
Garrett Simon  
Zahria Davis  
Briana Bellami  
Hunter Hill  
Jackson Bare

**Senator Ortiz moved for a block swearing**

**Seconded by Chair Gardner**

**13 Freshmen Committee sworn in**

## Executive Addresses

### **Executive Introductions to Freshmen Committee**

**President Johnson:** Hi everyone! Congratulations to Freshmen Committee. I expect great things, especially under the leadership of Vice President Calvert. State of the Universal went well. Thank you everyone to bringing in the canned goods for Argo Pantry. Come to me after Senate if you would like to help with the Mardi Gras after event, like a miniature tailgate. I will be traveling the next couple of weeks.

**Vice President Calvert:** Thank you to everyone who have helped me with Freshmen Committee. Come to the SGA office to get a little thank you something. Campus Safety Walk will be around October 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Homecoming is next week. Come out to the events. SGA is hosting the root beer float during the Cardboard Boat Race.

**Chief of Staff Negron:** Applications for Justices closes at midnight. Freshmen, if you would like to change anything contact any of the Senators. Keep your eyes out for more Professional Development details.

**Treasurer Tobar:** Freshmen Committee, welcome in! I do all things in the internal budget. Right now, we have only been doing FSA finances.

## Legislative Addresses

### **Legislative Introductions to Freshmen Committee**

**Chair Gardner:** I am in charge for \$3.4 million. Budget updates for grants, projects, and reserves.

**Chair Miller:** N/A

**Chair Kennedy:** For Write it Out Wednesday, we've gotten a lot of good feedbacks. New students said the only traditions they've heard about is only the ones they were told about. A lot more data to look over. Tailgate this week.

**Freshmen Committee:** N/A

**Senate Addresses:**

**Senator T. Williams:** Last time, I spoke that I wanted to implement an anonymous program for sexual testing. I spoke with the Wellness Center supervisor. She said she love the idea. I am working on writing a proposal that will hopefully go out for next Senate. On my proposal, I will report gonorrhea and chlamydia. Hopefully the screening will increase. The program will run for six months. If screening increases, it will become permanent. We also talked about a discounted day one day a week.

**Senator Mettlach:** I have been working to have a wellness and mindfulness center on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the library. A no tech zone where students can go in an madidate and decompress. Implement yoga mats and a safe space for students to go and learn how to relax. I want to create this space where students can go and learn about it.

**Senator Baptiste:** One of my classmates is going to a forum where she is going to learn about leadership and the importance and role of being a leader. I am going to be working with her so SGA can bring the forum here.

**Senator Milor:** One of the initiatives I am working on is converting food waste into. I am going to be collect compose for a short time for the community garden.

**President Johnson:** This will save the garden club \$1,000 a year.

**Senator Rogers:** Two projects. The solar panel project is doing well. The aim is to get solar panels to the Rec. Working with the engineering department. I also need help with my resolution. I want to create a more diverse university.

**Chair Miller:** Are you looking to make an ad-hoc or within the Student outreach Committee?

**Senator Rogers:** Within

**Vice-Chair Bosso:** I am working to getting rid of waste of old hang ties. I was thinking about using the tag all for years. Currently, the issue is the wear and tear of the tags. If someone's tag is ruined, how will we go about that?

**Senator Ortiz:** My classmates and I are working on a reverse vending machine. You put in bottles or aluminum in and get money back. It gives some types of initiatives for students to recycle since we do not have a recycling contract. Let me know on your feedback.

**Chair Kennedy:** Bike sharing program to alleviate parking. If you would like to get involved, please see me after Senate.

## Cabinet Addresses

### Cabinet Introductions to Freshmen Committee

**Dir. of Comm. Lott:** Make sure that if you are reaching out on behalf of SGA, come to me or Chief Negron, first.

**Dir. of Internal Gov. Lyons:** We got 22 people registered to vote at last week's Voters Registration tabling. SGA has a lot of power. We represent people who are vulnerable and are in need of help. It is critical that we use this podium we have to help people in need.

**Dir. Of External Gov. Sharpsteen:** We are currently working on decreasing textbook taxes. We are also working to combatting mental health awareness throughout the state.

**Dir. Of Div. Initiatives Gesualdo:** One of the major things I am working on Mental Health Awareness week. Next, I am traveling to other schools with. I am working with Chief Negron to change the Great Good Place to a place for

## Adjournment

### Standing Committee Report

**Senator Tran:** I am on the CASL Committee. I will come back with more updates to help with student assessments after our first committee meeting.

**Vice-Chair Bosso:** ERCCD is a committee for dynamic learning environment. We all have different ways of learning and coping. I will update once

**Director Lyons:** Matt and I attended the Parking and Violation Committee. They are lenient. They are just trying to enforce and amend rules.

### Closing Announcements

**Vice-Chair Rau:** Quick run-through of Homecoming Week!

**Senator Rogers:** This upcoming Tuesday is the Homecoming Ticket Release. A lot of giveaways, such as backstage passes.

**President Johnson:** Event for Title IX.

### Public Statements

**Vice-Chair Bosso:** Thank you everyone for bringing in a can for Argo Pantry. Every can truly counts.

**Chair Miller:** ATO is featuring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ATGLOW tonight!

**Chair Kennedy:** Come out to the Commons on October 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30PM - 12PM for the "Whole-Hearted Life" nursing event.

**Senator Tran:** Library book on sale. There will be games. 8AM – 2PM.

**Senator Arnold:** My vision is getting worse. I may be going completely blind within the next 2 years. I have two tumors behind the optic nerve. Moving on, congratulations to Freshmen Committee on making it. I encourage y'all to take initiatives. Senators and the Exec Board will help you. Zenani is almost done with all the platforms. That is incredible. They were already done with a lot of their platforms even before school started. I am always here if you need help with anything.

**Senator T. Williams:** The Cheerleading team are trying to fund for warm-up clothes for the fall. It gets cold and we cheer yearlong.

**Jenny:** No Senate for a while. Women of the Rec event starting at 8PM – 11PM on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Chair Kennedy:** Come out to all the Homecoming events. Make sure to vote for Homecoming Court!

**Director Hunter:** Apply for Orientation Leader.

**Senator Borelli:** If you are interested in Swing Dance club let me know!

**Secretary Kit:** We have the Homecoming Game tickets. Come by the office to get them.

**Chair Gardner motioned to adjourn.**

**Seconded by Senator Tran**

**Final Roll Call**

**Present:** 24

**Absent:** 5

**Adjourn at 3:47PM**

